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Theoretical work shows that one-dimensional and three-dimensional spin-coupling in polymeric and solid materials will be small, but achievable in principle. The INDO-CI computational method gives results in accord with most qualitative theories for spin coupling to give multiplet ground states in polyradicals. Preliminary experimental work indicates that theoretically desirable phenoxy moieties may be readily generated via peroxyoxalate esters.

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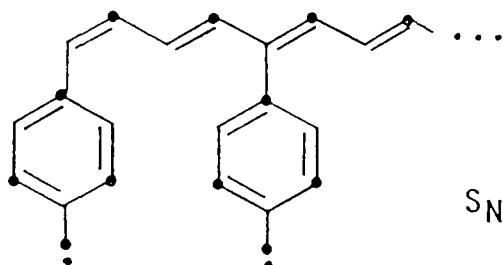
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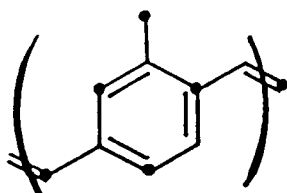
# BACKGROUND -- THEORETICAL STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

## CONNECTIVITY in conjugated pi-radical polymers



- alpha spin site
- beta spin site

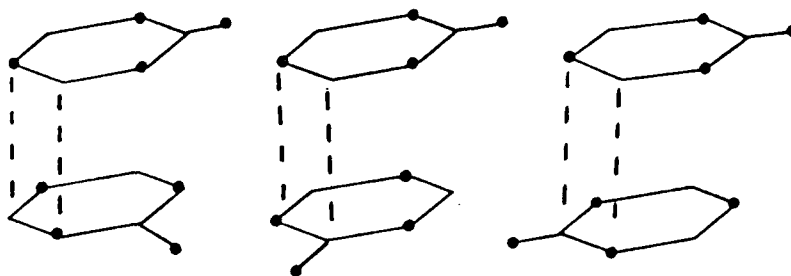
$$S_N = (N_\bullet - N_\cdot)_n \longrightarrow \infty$$



monomer  $N_\bullet - N_\cdot = 1$   
so  $S_N \longrightarrow \infty$

Thus, a polymer chain of odd alternant radical units in pi-conjugation is qualitatively predicted to be superparamagnetic (high-spin).

## 3-D STACKING in conjugated pi-radicals



triplet

singlet

triplet

PREDICTED

McConnell has predicted the qualitative effect of various geometries on coupling between alternant radicals, and which types of coupling should lead to high-spin (ferromagnetic) spin states. The important criterion is to allow coupling of sites with opposite (alpha vs. beta) spin-density.

# PROPOSED AND ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS

## THEORETICAL WORK

Use molecular mechanics and semiempirical AM1 (AMPAC) to predict geometries of model polyradical systems.

Use AMPAC and INDO-CI to obtain related energies for states of different multiplicity -- is high spin preferred, and for what type of pi-system connectivities? how great is the gap from ground to excited state?

Use ab initio theory for select small diradicals that are potential models for monomeric units of polymers.

Theory can serve as the guide for experiment.

## EXPERIMENTAL WORK

Develop a convenient method to generate polyradicals (esp. phenoxy) thermally and photochemically

Synthesize polyradical models to polymeric polyradical super-paramagnets

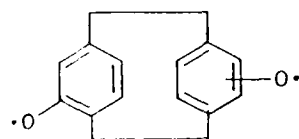
Study methods to generate and study polyradical models in matrix and in solid solution with an inert polymer

Eventually, use lessons learned from model studies to aim at synthesis of polymeric polyradical ferromagnets

Experiment is the crucial test of theory

# THEORETICAL FINDINGS

## 3-D STACKING IN PHENOXY RADICALS

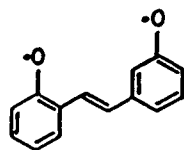


	<u>T-S gap kcal/mol</u>
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meta	-0.1
para	0.8

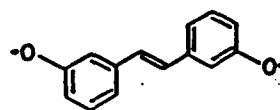
Geometry by molecular mechanics, T-S gaps by AMPAC.  
 RESULT -- Computed ground states in accord with McConnell hypothesis of spin interactions.

## CONNECTIVITY EFFECTS ON POLYRADICAL GROUND STATES

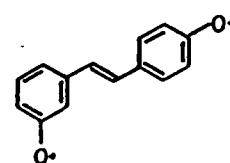
### Oligomeric models



INDO T-S gap kcal/mol      2.5

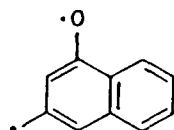


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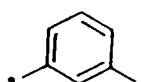
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### Monomeric models



INDO T-S gap  
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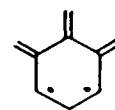
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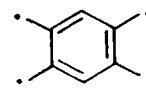
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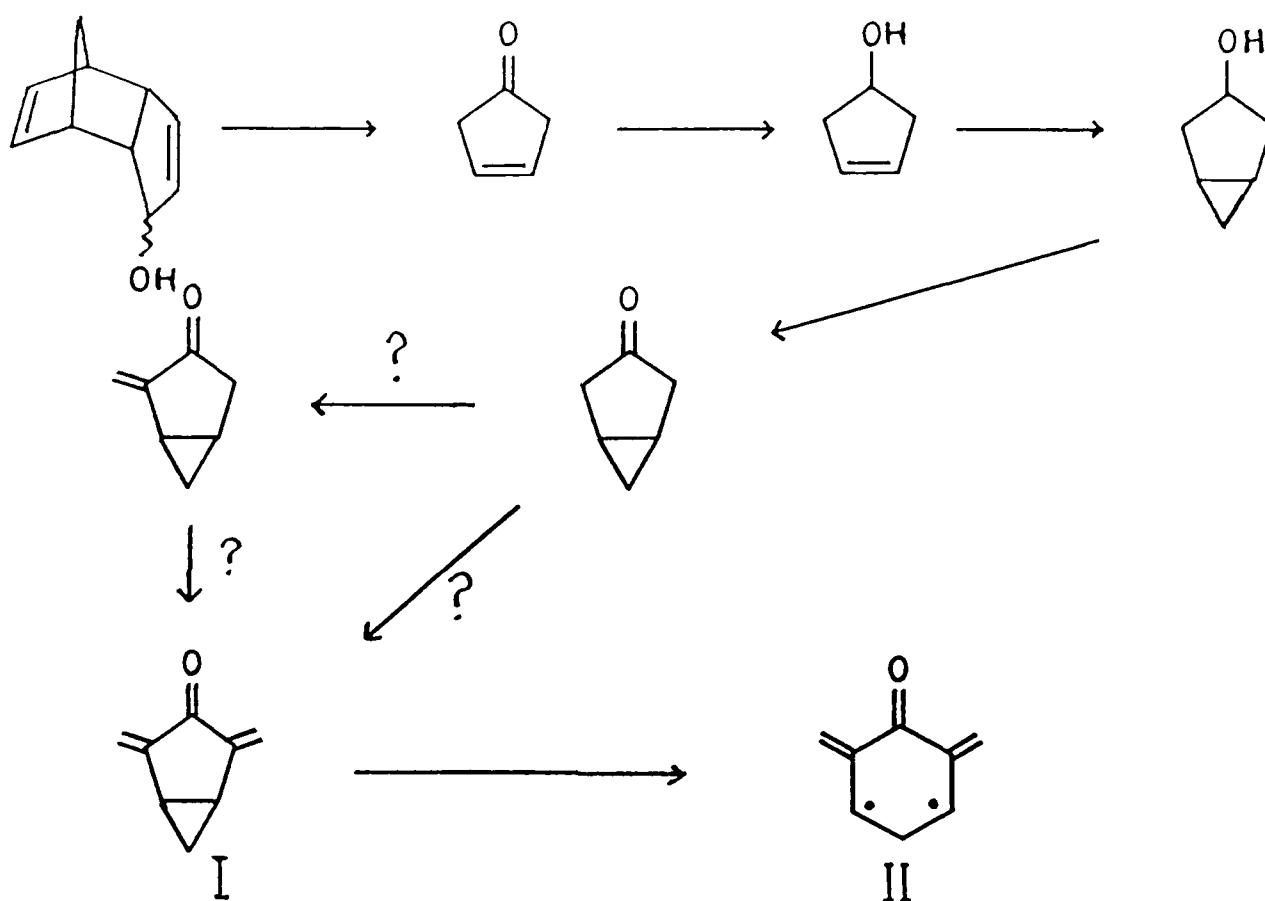
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These are examples among a large number of INDO-CI calculations supported by ab initio work and confirmed by experiment.  
 RESULT -- The INDO-CI model seems sufficient for semi-quantitative predictions of ground state multiplicity.

# EXPERIMENTAL MODEL COMPOUNDS TESTS OF THEORY



INDO/C1 indicates small T-S gap for II (~1 kcal/mol)

## GOALS:

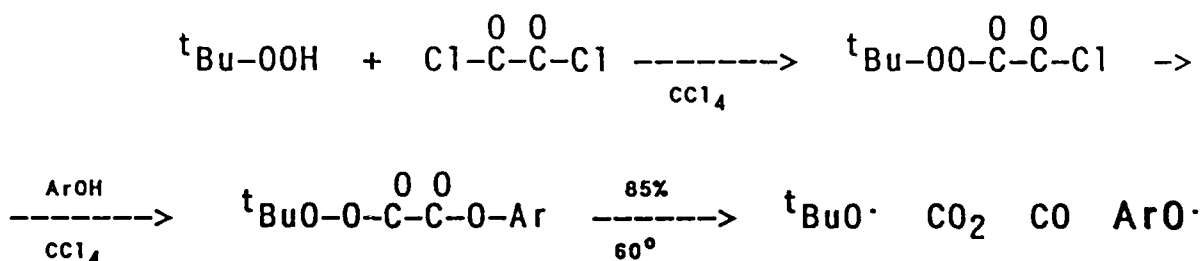
- 1) Final bis-methylenation to give diradical precursor I. INDO-C1 predicts triplet ground state, supported by ab initio theory
- 2) Low temperature matrix photolysis of I, looking for triplet EPR signal and UV-vis absorption attributable to II
- 3) Determine stability of triplet II, as a potential monomer in an organic magnetic material

# DEVELOPMENT OF RADICAL GENERATION CHEMISTRY

## STRATEGY:

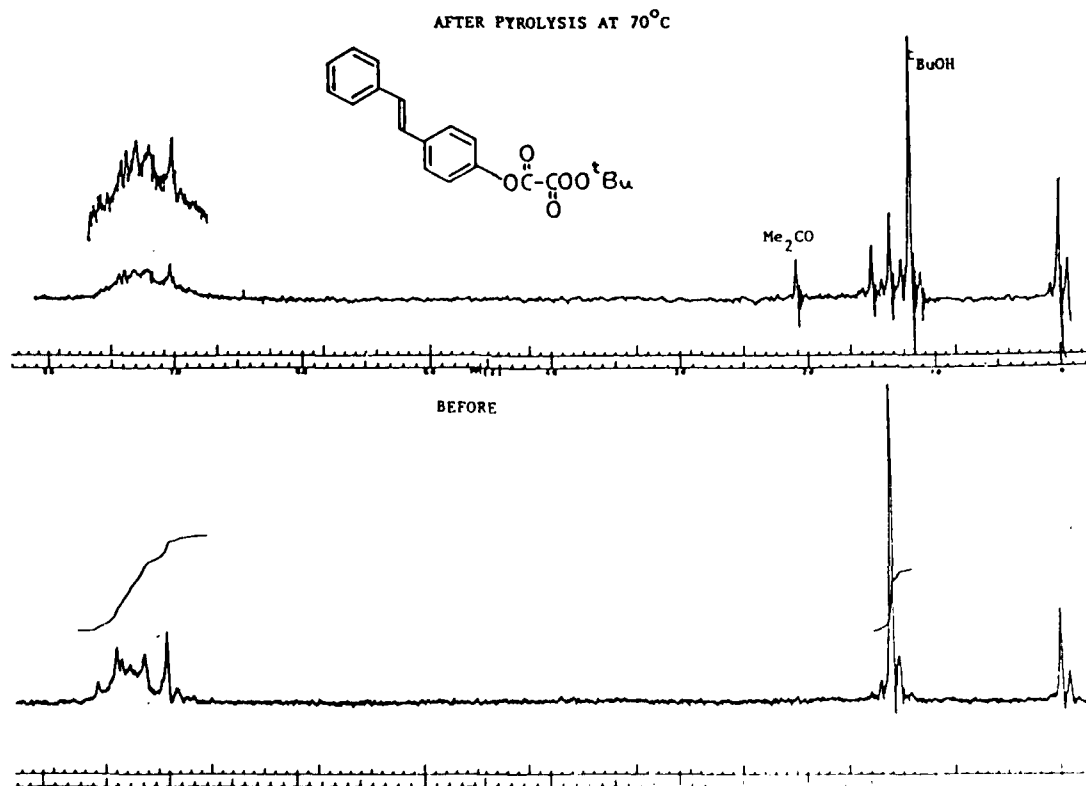
It would be useful to produce phenoxy radicals thermally or photochemically. In principle, one might thereby produce a magnetic record in a polymer containing polyradical precursors by irradiation or heating. A fairly active moiety is needed to produce radicals, yet with sufficient stability to allow subsequent chemistry in preparing a polymer.

## PRESENT SOLUTION:



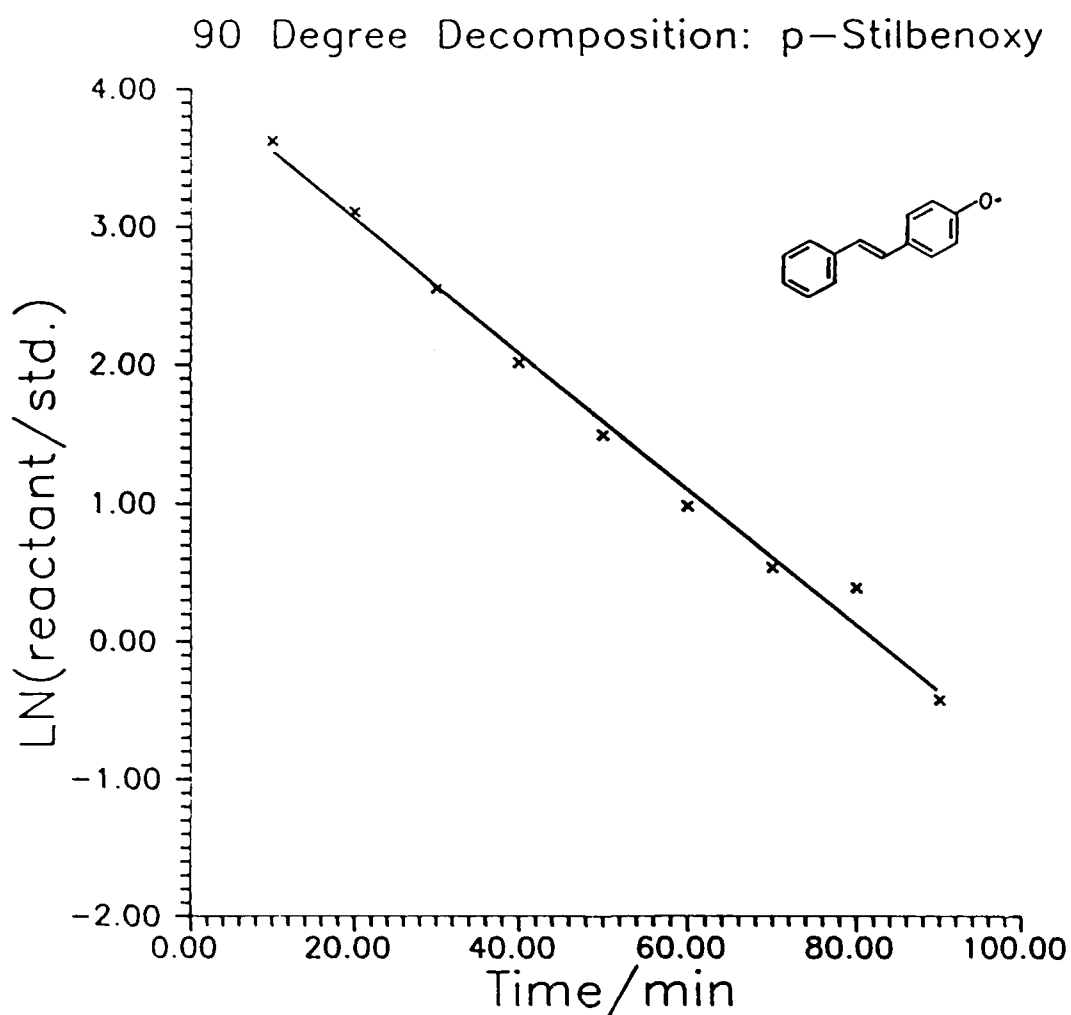
## RESULT:

Decomposition of peroxyoxalates yield typical radical products.



# ONGOING STUDY OF PEROXYOXALATE DECOMPOSITION

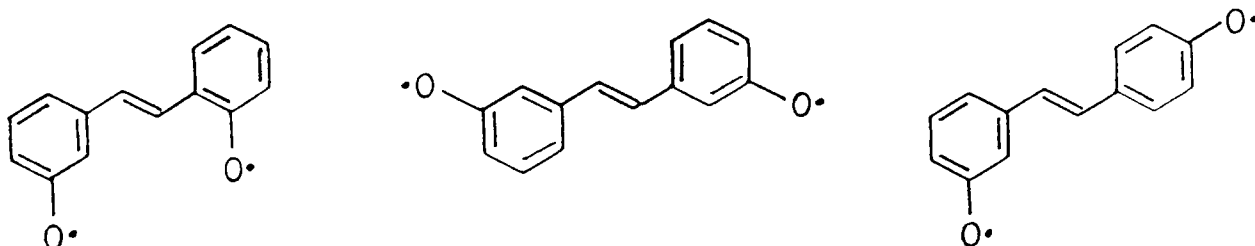
RESULTS -- good first order decay



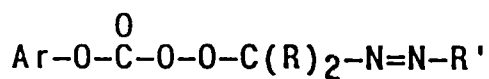


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## SYNTHESIS OF POLYRADICAL MODELS

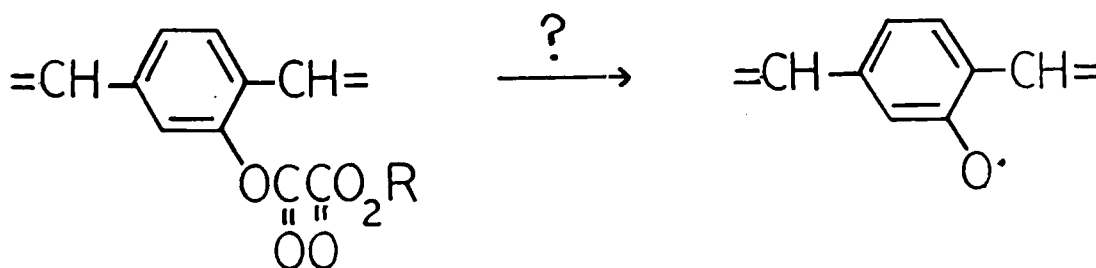


## DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER RADICAL PRODUCING MOIETIES



cf. J. Warkentin et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 103, 7189(1981).

## BUILDING RADICALS INTO POLYRADICAL POLYMERS



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